[English]

Shortage of Aircraft with Indian Airlines

4632. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there is acute shortage of aircraft in the Indian Airlines: and

(b) Whether the Government propose to introduce Airbus A-320 at Calicut airport to meet the passengers requirement ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines is operating Airbus A-320 aircraft to and from Calicut with effect from 1st May. 1991.

[Translation]

Release of LPG Connections on Ministers Recommendations

4633. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the number of LPG connections released on the recommendations of the Union Ministers since January 1989 to June 1991, minister-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : Such information has not been maintained.

[English]

Expansion and Modernisation of Digboi Oil Refinery

4634. SHRI NURUL ISLAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the government propose to modernise and expand the Digboi oil rifinery:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) the amount involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The modernisation proposal was approved by the Government at an estimated cost of Rs. 143.74 crores in June, 1989. Presently, Indian Oil Corporation is preparing revised cost estimate.

[Translation]

Conversion of Katihar-Jogvani Line

4635. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to convert Katihar-Jogvani meter gauge line into broad gauge:

(b) whether a survey has already been conducted in this regard: and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Yes. Sir

(c) As per the Survey conducted in 1984, the estimated cost of conversion of the 107 km section was Rs. 30.12